



## **SANYO Electric Breaks Ground for New Facility in Salem, Oregon**

- Who:** SANYO Electric, a Global 500 Company, plans to open SANYO Solar of Oregon LLC in Salem, Ore. SANYO Solar of Oregon President, Mr. Yasuyoshi Kawanishi will be based in Salem.
- What:** SANYO Solar of Oregon plans to make an \$80 million investment on 19.77 acres in Salem's Renewable Energy and Technology Park in the 5400 block of Gaffin Road. SANYO will construct a 130,000 square foot plant for the manufacturing of silicon ingot and solar wafers and will have 200 employees working by Dec. 2010.
- SANYO first started researching and developing amorphous solar cells in 1975 and was the world's first to commercialize amorphous-type solar cell production in 1980. SANYO currently manufactures silicon ingot and wafers in the U.S., the solar cells in Japan, with module assembly plants located in Mexico, Hungary and Japan.
- The addition of SANYO Solar of Oregon in Salem will bring new living wage jobs and business investments to the community for long-term economic health.
- When:** Negotiations and discussions with SANYO Solar of Oregon began in earnest late 2007. The official signing with the City was on Fri., Sept. 26, 2008.
- The public groundbreaking at the site was Wed., Oct. 15, 2008 at 11 a.m.
- Phase 1 of the project will be complete by Fall 2009 and phase 2 will be complete in 2010.
- Where:** SANYO Solar of Oregon will be located at 5475 Gaffin Rd, SE, Salem, Ore. 97317.
- A master plan for the remaining Gaffin Road property, designated as Salem's Renewable Energy and Technology Park, will look to attract manufacturing and high technology companies.
- Why:** SANYO's California factory is operating at full capacity and the company needed a new location to expand its production. Oregon's workforce includes workers with past experience in Oregon's semiconductor industry and they have skills SANYO needs for its solar cell plant. Oregon's Business Energy Tax Credit was another positive incentive along with Oregon's emphasis on attracting renewable energy industries with incentives that provide a tax credit for up to half of the energy facility's cost.
- Additional:** Employment opportunities will be posted with the appropriate agencies when they become available. SEDCOR will be working with Chemeketa Community College to set up training programs for the future employment opportunities.